State lands within twenty miles of Dublin are to repair to the Commissioners-General of the Revenue, and such as shall take any lands for the term of seven years are to have the same upon such reasonable rents as shall be agreed on. 18 July. *Ib.* f. 199.

707. Whereas this Board is informed that divers persons dwelling within this city (Dublin), whose houses the Commonwealth have given orders to let (as being persons transplantable into Connaught or Clare) do refuse and deny possession of their houses to such tenants as have taken the same, it is ordered that the Commissioners-General of Revenue do appoint persons to put in possession such as have taken the houses. 18 July. *Ib.* f. 202.

708. Lord Deputy and Council to the Commissioners for setting out lands in Connaught.

"Being informed that you begin to set down persons in the baronies of Inchiquin and Burren, which places being generally reputed and known to be sterile, we fear it may much hinder the business of transplantation by disheartening those which shall come after, when they shall see such assignations made in the entrance of this work. We do therefore advise that you would settle such persons, as shall clear their qualifications, upon such lands, with respect to the Instructions given, as may encourage their setting down there, which we think may be a good motive to draw others to the effecting their business of the like nature, when they shall see a care and respect had to such as go before them." 18 July. Letters of Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 28. f. 82.

709. "Upon consideration had of the petition presented unto this Board by several officers of the army, desiring that all the profits of the lands, belonging unto the army's security in their several and respective lots, might be assigned them over for their use in their respective divisions, from May last, and to continue until the lands be divided and laid out by the Down admeasurement, and upon conference with the petitioners and debate had upon the Acts and Ordinances of Parliament and of his Highness,

the Lord Protector, relating thereunto, forasmuch as there is a great doubt whether the civil survey, as already returned, be a survey agreeing with the prescript Rule of the Act for putting the officers and soldiers into present possession of lands (amounting to two-third parts of their respective arrears according to the gross estimate), as also considering what previous acts (not yet done) are primarily and reciprocally to be performed, and that the counties for collateral security desired, are not disposable (according to the Rule of the Act) for satisfying the army, until it appears what surplusage may or shall arise from the moiety of the ten counties (ordered for satisfaction of the Adventurers) and of the County of Louth, which, by the Act, are made additional security, and are first to be proposed as satisfaction, before any other of the counties appointed for collateral security, the Council, moreover, taking into consideration how there are several reduced officers and soldiers set down, besides divers others, who ought of right, by the Act, to receive equal satisfaction with the army according to proportion, the Lord Deputy and Council do therefore order that the said agents, or such as the army shall appoint, may receive the rents and profits issuing out of the forfeited lands within the moiety of the ten counties, due and in arrear from 23rd May last, for and in behalf of themselves and the rest of the army; and Dr Wm. Petty is hereby strictly enjoined to take special care that the Down Survey or exact admeasurement (now in hand) be, with all convenient speed perfected." 20 July. Orders A/5. 5. f. 198.

710. Whereas this Board is informed that the removal of the Commissioners sitting at Loughrea to the town of Athlone is found inconvenient for the transplanted Irish, that have their lands to be set out unto them, pursuant to their respective claims and qualifications, and of public prejudice (the said town of Loughrea being conceived to be in the centre of the province of Connaught), it is thought fit and ordered that the choice of removing or staying be left with Sir C. Coote. 22 July. *Ib.* f. 206.

711. Ordered that power be given to Sir C. Coote, as well as the Commissioners at Loughrea, to give licence to the Irish to cut timber for building houses. 23 July. *Ib.* f. 203.